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OFFICIAL COTTON STANDARDS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE COLOR GRADE OF AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON

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§28.401 Good Middling Color.

Good Middling Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Good Middling, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.402 Strict Middling Color.

Strict Middling Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Middling, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.403 Middling Color.

Middling Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Middling, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.404 Strict Low Middling Color.

Strict Low Middling Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Low Middling, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.405 Low Middling Color.

Low Middling Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked, “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Low Middling, effective July 1, 1987.”

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§28.406 Strict Good Ordinary Color.

Strict Good Ordinary Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Good Ordinary, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.407 Good Ordinary Color.

Good Ordinary Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Good Ordinary, effective July 1, 1987.”

LIGHT SPOTTED COTTON

SOURCE: 57 FR 34497, Aug. 5, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

§28.411 Good Middling Light Spotted Color.

Good Middling Light Spotted Color is color which in spot or color, or both, is between Good Middling Color and Good Middling Spotted Color.

§28.412 Strict Middling Light Spotted Color.

Strict Middling Light Spotted Color is color which in spot or color, or both, is between Strict Middling Color and Strict Middling Spotted Color.

§28.413 Middling Light Spotted Color.

Middling Light Spotted Color is color which in spot or color, or both, is between Middling Color and Middling Spotted Color.

§28.414 Strict Low Middling Light Spotted Color.

Strict Low Middling Light Spotted Color is color which in spot or color, or both, is between Strict Low Middling Color and Strict Low Middling Spotted Color.

§28.415 Low Middling Light Spotted Color.

Low Middling Light Spotted Color is color which in spot or color, or both, is between Low Middling Color and Low Middling Spotted Color.

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§28.416 Strict Good Ordinary Light Spotted Color.

Strict Good Ordinary Light Spotted Color is color which in spot or color, or both, is between Strict Good Ordinary Color and Strict Good Ordinary Spotted Color.

SPOTTED COTTON

SOURCE: 57 FR 34498, Aug. 5, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

§28.421 Good Middling Spotted Color.

Good Middling Spotted Color is color which is better than Strict Middling Spotted Color.

§28.422 Strict Middling Spotted Color.

Strict Middling Spotted Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Middling Spotted, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.423 Middling Spotted Color.

Middling Spotted Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Middling Spotted, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.424 Strict Low Middling Spotted Color.

Strict Low Middling Spotted Cotton is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Low Middling Spotted, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.425 Low Middling Spotted Color.

Low Middling Spotted Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Low Middling Spotted, effective July 1, 1987.”

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§28.426 Strict Good Ordinary Spotted Color.

Strict Good Ordinary Spotted Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Good Ordinary Spotted, effective July 1, 1987.”

TINGED COTTON

SOURCE: 57 FR 34498, Aug. 5, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

§28.431 Strict Middling Tinged Color.

Strict Middling Tinged Color is color which is better than Middling Tinged Color.

§28.432 Middling Tinged Color.

Middling Tinged Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Middling Tinged, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.433 Strict Low Middling Tinged Color.

Strict Low Middling Tinged Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Strict Low Middling Tinged, effective July 1, 1987.”

§28.434 Low Middling Tinged Color.

Low Middling Spotted Color is color which is within the range represented by a set of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in a container marked “Original Official Cotton Standards of the United States, American Upland, Low Middling Tinged, effective July 1, 1987.”

YELLOW STAINED COTTON

§28.441 Strict Middling Yellow Stained Color.

Strict Middling Yellow Stained Color is color which is deeper than that of Strict Middling Tinged Color.

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§28.442 Middling Yellow Stained Color.

Middling Yellow Stained Color is American Upland cotton which in color is deeper than Middling Tinged Color.

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BELOW COLOR GRADE COTTON

§28.451 Below Color Grade Cotton.

Below color grade cotton is American Upland cotton which is lower in color grade than Good Ordinary, or Strict Good Ordinary Light Spotted, or Strict Good Ordinary Spotted, or Low Middling Tinged or Middling Yellow Stained. In cotton classifications, the official designation for such cotton is Below Color Grade. The term Below Good Ordinary Color, or Below Strict Good Ordinary Light Spotted Color, or Below Strict Good Ordinary Spotted Color, or Below Low Middling Tinged Color, or Below Low Middling Yellow Stained Color and other additional explanatory terms considered necessary to describe adequately the condition of the cotton may be entered on classification memorandums or certificates.

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§28.525 **Symbols and Code Numbers.**

For administrative convenience, the symbols and code numbers prescribed in this section may be used in lieu of the color grades.

(a) Symbols and Code numbers used for Color Grades of American Upland Cotton.

Color Grade	Symbol	Code No.
Good Middling.....	GM	11
Strict Middling.....	SM	21
Middling.....	Mid	31
Strict Low Middling.....	SLM	41
Low Middling.....	LM	51
Strict Good Ordinary.....	SGO	61
Good Ordinary.....	GO	71
Good Middling Light Spotted.....	GM Lt SP	12
Strict Middling Light Spotted.....	SM Lt Sp	22
Middling Light Spotted.....	Mid Lt Sp	32
Strict Low Middling Light Spotted.....	SLM Lt Sp	42
Low Middling Light Spotted.....	LM Lt Sp	52
Strict Good Ordinary Light Spotted.....	SGO Lt Sp	62
Good Middling Spotted.....	GM Sp	13
Strict Middling Spotted.....	SM Sp	23
Middling Spotted.....	Mid Sp	33
Strict Low Middling Spotted.....	SLM Sp	43
Low Middling Spotted.....	LM Sp	53
Strict Good Ordinary Spotted.....	SGO Sp	63
Strict Middling Tinged.....	SM Tg	24
Middling Tinged.....	Mid Tg	34
Strict Low Middling Tinged.....	SLM Tg	44
Low Middling Tinged.....	LM Tg	54
Strict Middling Yellow Stained.....	SM YS	25
Middling Yellow Stained.....	Mid YS	35
Below Grade-(Below Good Ordinary).	BG	81
Below Grade-(Below Strict Good Ordinary Light Spotted).	BG	82
Below Grade-(Below Strict Good Ordinary Spotted).	BG	83
Below Grade-(Below Low Middling Tinged).	BG	84
Below Grade-(Below Middling Yellow Stained).	BG	85

